

MID-AMERICA CONSULTATION

Topeka, Kansas

April 17-19, 1975

Sponsored by the Religious Communities, the Arts and the American Revolution (RCAAR) and the Kansas Association of the Religious Communities, the Arts and the American Revolution (KARCAAR)--bringing together leaders of the ~~religious communities, arts~~ institutions and artists from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas to consider how the religious communities can support the arts.

Thursday, April 17

Dinner 6:30 The Holiday Inn.

RCAAR President, Calvin Didier, Pastor, House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minn.; and Executive Director, Grant Spradling, N.Y.C.; and KARCAAR President, Arthur Kolsti, Pastor, Central Congregational Church; and President Elect, Norman Fedder, Dept. of Theatre, Kansas State University discuss how their organizations hope to gain religious communities' support for the arts.

8:30 Topeka Municipal Auditorium

Showcase of Kansas Performers

Friday, April 18

9:00 The Holiday Inn

Speaker and panel of state art commissioners explore "The Issues in the Arts: 1976" As our country begins its third century, what is the state of arts in America and where are we going?

Luncheon 12:30 The Holiday Inn

"The Issues in the Arts: 1976--From a Religious Perspective." Speaker: Dr. Anderson Clark, Chairman of the Board, RCAAR and Executive Vice-President, Affiliate Artist, Inc., N.Y.C.

2:00 Workshops in conjunction with KAC-ACACK Conference

4:30 Performance--"Trial by Jury"

6:30 Dinner - Central Congregational Church

"Black Theatre in America." There is an explosion of black theatre all over America. Why? What's happening? Where is it going? An outstanding figure in the black theatre will deal with these questions, and a performance will follow at the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Saturday, April 19

9:00 - "The Indian Way in Art and Religion" a panel of outstanding Native American artists discuss their art and philosophy as a part of a major showing of Indian art being mounted by Josee Kolsti. This work by Native American artists will show traditional bead/quill/feather arts, graphics, oils and sculpture by some of the best known Indian artists in America.

The art show will be open throughout the conference period.

1:30?
2:00 - Kansas Historical Association - 10th & Jackson

"The Matter With Kansas" a multi-media dramatic presentation of the history of Kansas. A Bicentennial program prepared by Norman Fedder, especially commissioned for the Mid-America Consultation.

6:30 - Dinner and performance - \$7.50 Hotel Jayhawk - Dinner and entertainment

An evening of Mexican-American thought and culture with special music and dance. A leader of the Mexican-American community in the U.S. will consider how this significant slice of America views art and religion.